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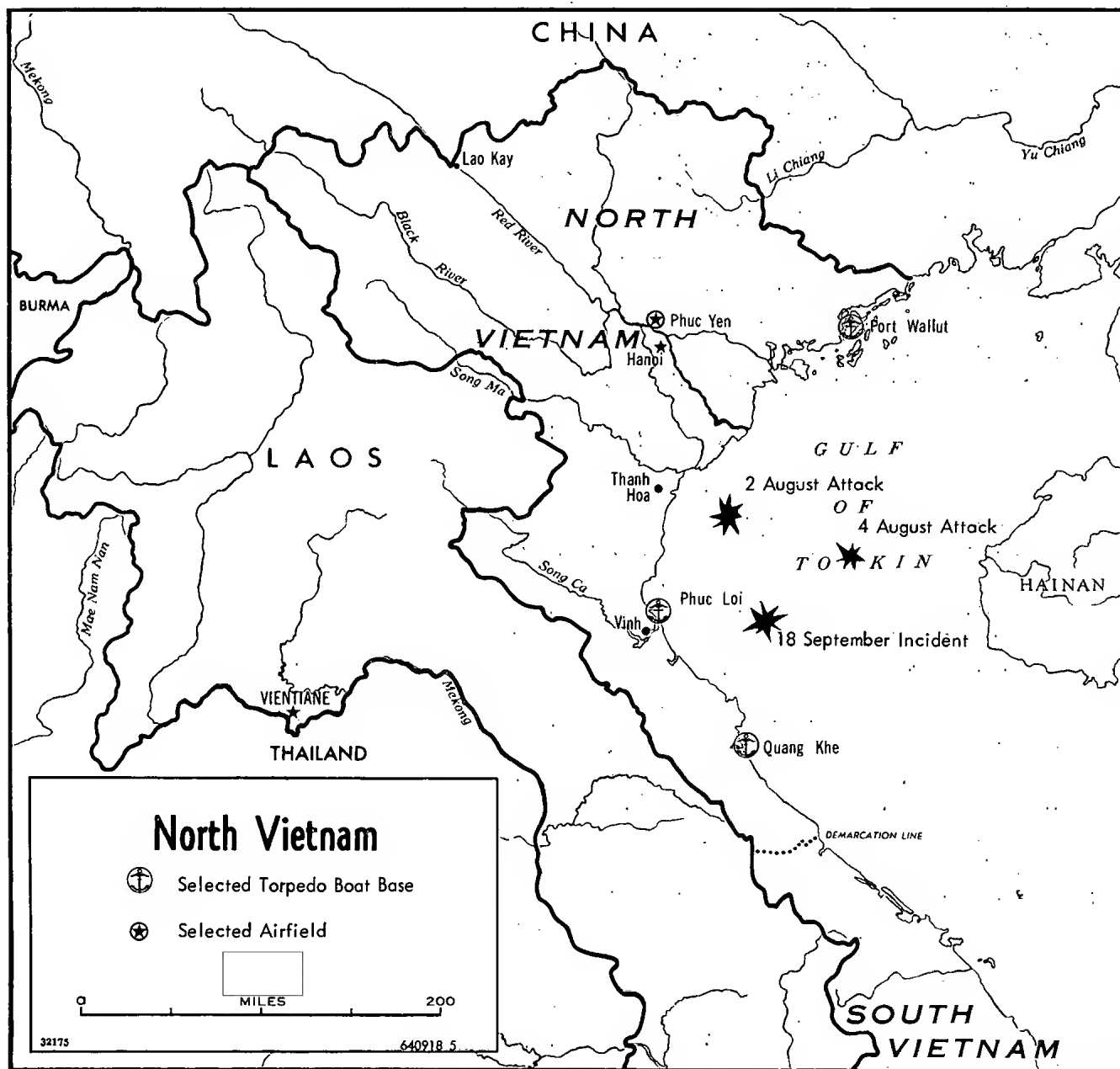
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1. North Vietnam

a. We have no evidence thus far that Hanoi had ordered an attack on the "Desoto" patrol yesterday. [REDACTED]

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b. One alert order issued just before the incident instructed units in the south to "avoid provocation."

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c. North Vietnamese naval messages transmitted after the incident yesterday appear to be concerned with defensive action and to reflect fear of US air attack. [REDACTED]

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e. Hanoi propaganda is taking the line that the US is seeking "once again to have a pretext for attacking the DRV." Peiping echoes this.

f. Hanoi is calling for an ICC investigation.

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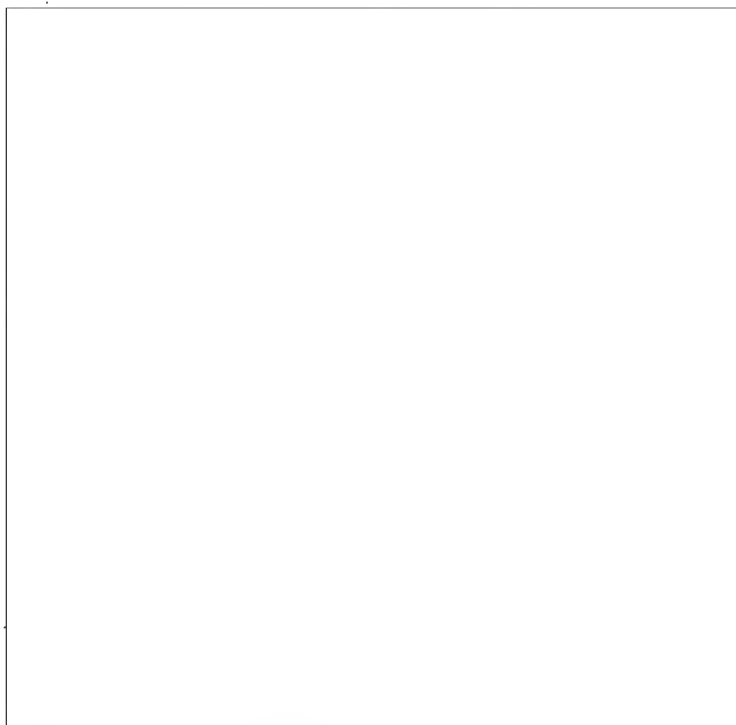
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a. Both Khrushchev and the Japanese who heard his remarks about a "terrible" weapon have commented further on what he said. The military implications of his statement have only become fuz-zier, as he may have intended them to.

b. Khrushchev himself has ruled out bombs and, apparently, nuclear weapons. This leaves BW and, less likely, CW, if indeed he was talking about a mass destruction weapon.

c. We are now waiting for a promised Soviet official version of his remarks.

3. USSR



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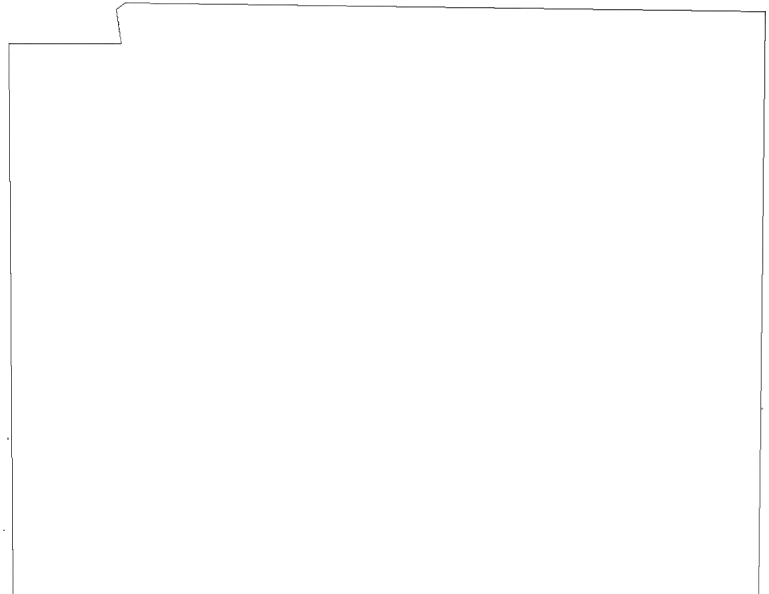
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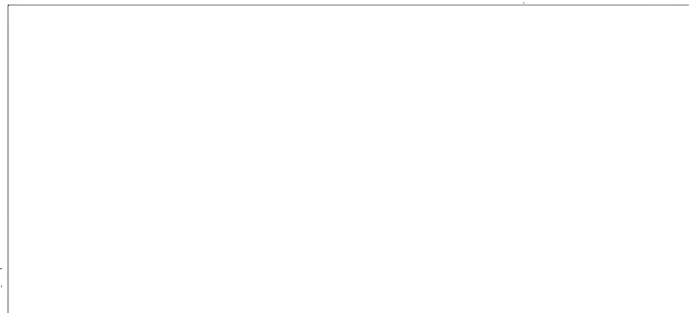
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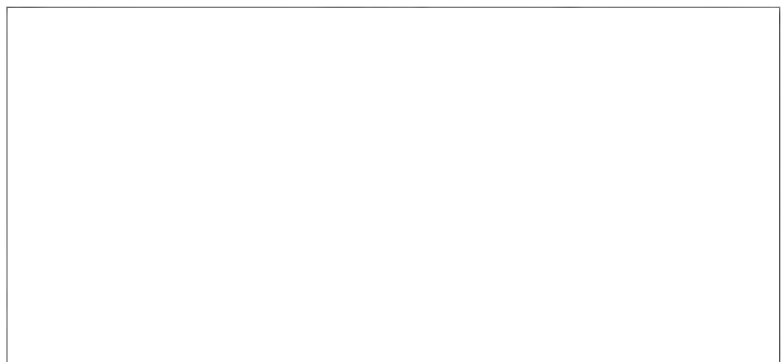
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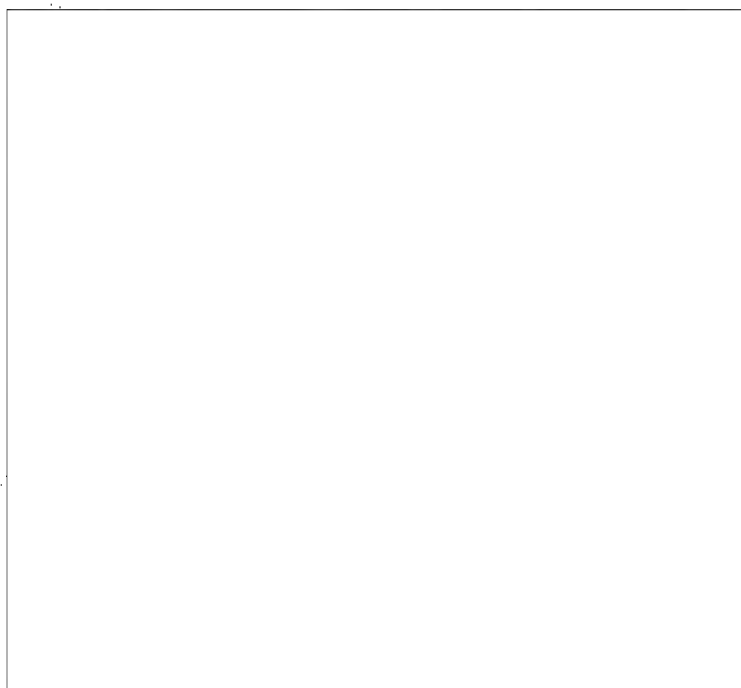
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NOTES

- A. Chile-Cuba [redacted] 50X1
Chilean president-elect Frei is seeking to arrange a Cuban-US meeting in a neutral country.
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- B. Indonesia-Malaysia In Bangkok on the first leg of his junket, Sukarno exuded good will for Malaysia [redacted] 50X1
- C. USSR-Arab States Moscow has apparently been looking into new opportunities for the USSR arising from the establishment of a United Arab command. A high-level Soviet military delegation, including one major general known to be associated with Moscow's foreign military training and assistance program, has just finished touring the UAR, Yemen, Syria, and Iraq.
- D. Rumania We have another symptom of Rumania's independence. A US historian has been asked to prepare studies on Rumanian history, including one intended to prove that the regime's policy has been "consistently anti-Soviet."

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E. Congo The rebels intend to send a delgation to the OAU Congo Commission session in Nairobi which began yesterday. They spoke of using a Red Cross plane, at one time due into Stanleyville from Burundi with medicines, but later rejected it in favor of an "African plane."

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